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 CROSS AND UN/DHA DISCUSSIONS ON RWANDA CRISIS - APRIL 25

REF: GENEVA 3850 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY

1. (C) THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN RWANDA WORSENED OVER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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THE WEEKEND, AND ICRC'S ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED NOW RANGE FROM 100,000 TO HALF A MILLION. ICRC HAD TO EVACUATE STAFF FROM BUTARE AND GITARAMA BUT THEY STILL HAVE 15 EXPAT DELEGATES IN KIGALI.

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2. (U) PETER HANSEN, U/SYG FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, VISITED KIGALI FOR THE DAY ON 4/23 AND DHA NOW HAS A FOUR-PERSON INTER-AGENCY TEAM STATIONED IN THE CITY. LATER TODAY (4/25), DHA WILL RELEASE A FLASH APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO LOST SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES IN RWANDA AND NOW NEED SUPPORT TO CONTINUE OPERATING. END SUMMARY.

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3. (U) MISSIONOFF MET WITH JEAN-DANIEL TAUXE, ICRC'S DELEGATE GENERAL FOR AFRICA, ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 25 TO DISCUSS EVENTS IN RWANDA SINCE OUR LAST REPORT ON APRIL 22 (REFTEL).

4. (U) WE DISCUSSED THE MSF REPORT OVER THE WEEKEND THAT 170 RWANDANS, MOSTLY PATIENTS, HAD BEEN KILLED AT A HOSPITAL IN BUTARE AND THAT MSF HAD LEFT SOUTHERN RWANDA. TAUXE SAID THAT ICRC ALSO EVACUATED ITS STAFF (TWO DELEGATES) FROM THE CITY AND NO EXPATRIATES REMAINED IN BUTARE. IN ADDITION, ALL ICRC DELEGATES LEFT GITARAMA, WHERE ICRC HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE KAPGAYE HOSPITAL NEARBY. A CONVOY OF ABOUT 30 EXPATRIATES FROM DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS (WHICH INCLUDED ICRC'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS) LEFT KIGALI ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ICRC NOW HAS 15 EXPAT DELEGATES REMAINING IN KIGALI.

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7. (C) TAUXE THEN PROVIDED A RUN-DOWN OF THE SITUATION
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN RWANDA, BASED ON REPORTS OVER
THE LAST FEW DAYS:

ROAD FROM BUJUMBURA TO KIGALI: BODIES LIE ON BOTH SIDES
OF THE ROAD FOR MILES UPON MILES; HUTS ARE BURNING AND

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ALL TUTSIS IN THE AREA ARE DEAD.

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BUTARE: ABOUT 7 - 8 DAYS AGO, WEAPONS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO EXTREMISTS AND THE SITUATION SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL.

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KIBUNGO: ICRC ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS AND WAS UNABLE TO BEGIN FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS. TAUXE SAID THAT 300,000 RPT 300,000 DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE SOUTHEAST MAY CROSS THE BORDER INTO TANZANIA TO FLEE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE RPF AND THE ARMED FORCES.

A CITY IN THE NORTHEAST: ICRC HAS HEARD REPORTS OF RWANDANS BEING BURIED ALIVE.

RUHENGERI: AFTER AN ICRC DELEGATE DEPARTED, 280 RWANDANS WERE KILLED.

KIGALI: ICRC MEDICAL STAFF ARE CARING FOR ONLY ABOUT 100 - 200 WOUNDED RWANDANS, SINCE OTHERS ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE MEDICAL FACILITIES. TAUXE SAID THAT, GIVEN ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN MANDATE, THEIR STAFF FELT A MORAL OBLIGATION TO REMAIN WHILE THERE WERE STILL WOUNDED PEOPLE INSIDE ICRC'S STRUCTURE.

GOMA AND BUKAVU, ZAIRE: ICRC IS WORKING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE CROSS-BORDER FROM THESE STAGING POINTS INTO RWANDA.

NUMBER OF DEATHS: WHILE RECOGNIZING INHERENT DIFFICULTIES IN COUNTING, WE ASKED TAUXE ABOUT THE DIFFERING ESTIMATES ICRC HAS PROVIDED ON THE NUMBER OF RWANDANS KILLED SINCE APRIL 6. TAUXE SAID HE IS CERTAIN THERE ARE AT LEAST 100,000 DEAD; HE BELIEVES THE ACTUAL NUMBER MAY BE CLOSER TO 300,000; AND ICRC DELEGATES

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 IN-COUNTRY THINK IT COULD BE HALF A MILLION. ICRC BASES
 ITS ESTIMATES ON THE FACT THAT ALMOST ALL TUTSIS IN
 BUTARE AND VARIOUS OTHER AREAS HAVE DIED.

8. (C) TAUXE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE SITUATION
 COULD GET WORSE. HE SAID SOME EXTREMIST HUTUS IN RWANDA
 HAVE SPOKEN OF A "FINAL SOLUTION" OF KILLING ALL
 TUTSIS. TAUXE SAID THAT SOME HUTU LEAFLETS IN BURUNDI
 NOW SAY THAT THE "SOLUTION" IS UNDERWAY IN RWANDA AND
 THE TIME HAS COME TO DO THE SAME (I.E., KILL ALL THE
 TUTSIS) IN BURUNDI.

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9. (U) MISSIONOFF ALSO MET ON 4/25 WITH DHA OFFICER DEBORAH SAIDY. SHE REPORTED THAT U/SYG PETER HANSEN HAD FLOWN INTO KIGALI FOR THE DAY ON 4/23, THANKS TO A CANADIAN HERCULES AIRCRAFT. HE WAS SCHEDULED TO GIVE A BRIEFING IN NAIROBI AT MID-DAY TODAY.

10. (U) DHA NOW HAS A FOUR-PERSON TEAM STATIONED IN KIGALI. IT IS HEADED BY DHA OFFICER LANCE CLARK (AMCIT) AND INCLUDES OFFICERS FROM UNICEF, UNHCR AND UNDP/DHA. SAIDY REPORTED THAT CLARK'S INITIAL ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE IS NOT AN IMMEDIATE FOOD CRISIS, BUT A SEVERE HEALTH AND SANITATION CRISIS (NOTE. ICRC'S TAUZE TOLD US IN THE CONVERSATION TODAY THAT HE ANTICIPATES FOOD NEEDS OVER THE COMING MONTHS, WHICH STILL NEED TO BE ASCERTAINED, WILL BE HUGE -- POSSIBLY "THE BIGGEST BLOW EVER IN CENTRAL AFRICA." END NOTE.)

11. (U) LATER TODAY (4/25), DHA WILL RELEASE A FLASH ALERT WITH A "MINI-APPEAL" FOR OPERATING FUNDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD LOST SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES IN

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RWANDA AND WHICH NOW NEED SUPPORT TO CONTINUE OPERATING
IN THE AREA. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT THE APPEAL TO THE
DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT. SPIEGEL

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